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DATA FLOWS USING PARALLEL SWITCH
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REQUEST FOR STATUS

Applicant respectfully inquires about the status of the above-identified patent application. Applicant received a Filing Receipt dated November 8, 2001. To date, however, Applicant has not received any communication on the merits. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully inquires about the status of the present application, and in particular request notice of when the first Office Action on the merits will be issued.

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REMARKS

Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.702(a)(1), it has been over fourteen months since the filing date of this Application and a Notification under either 35 U.S.C. §§ 132 or 151 has not been received. Thus, a period of adjustment of patent term due to examination delay is accruing in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(a)(1).

If there are any matters that can be cleared up through a telephone conversation, please contact the undersigned attorney for Applicant at 214.953.6507.

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